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Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Transport Airplane and Engine Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss airplane and engine issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 2 and October 3, 1997 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on October 2. Arrange for oral presentations by September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at General Aviation Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Smith, Office of Rulemaking, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-9682.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to be held October 2 and 3, 1997 at General Aviation

Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

Thursday, October 2, 1997

- Opening Remarks.
- FAA Report.
- Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) Report.
- Transport Canada Report.
- Executive Committee (EXCOM) Report.
- Issues List and Tasking Chart.
- Action Item Reports.
- Uncontained Engine Failure.
- FAA Icing Plan.
- Flight Test Guide Status Report.
- Flight Test Harmonization Working Group (HWG) Report.
- Powerplant Installation HWG Report.
- Systems Design and Analysis HWG Report.

Friday, October 3, 1997

- Electromagnetic Effects HWG Report.
- Loads and Dynamics HWG Report and Vote.
- Engine HWG Report.
- Airworthiness Assurance HWG Report.
- Hydraulic Test HWG Report.
- Review Action Items.
- Review Future Meeting Schedule and Set Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public, but will be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements by September 22, 1997 to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Transport Airplane and Engine Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as a listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

The Loads & Dynamics HWG is requesting a vote to accept recommendation of a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) concerning Interaction of Systems and Structures. Arrangements may be made to present statements, request sign, oral interpretation, or listening devices, and request a copy of the NPRM by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 11, 1997.

Jean Casciano,

Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-32 (Sub-No. 80X)]

Boston and Maine Corporation—Abandonment Exemption—in Hartford County, CT

Boston and Maine Corporation (B&M) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances* to abandon and discontinue service over the Wethersfield Secondary line between milepost 3.0 in Hartford, CT, and milepost 7.0 in Wethersfield, CT, a distance of approximately 4.0 miles, in Hartford County, CT. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 06109 and 06067.

B&M has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) overhead traffic has been rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on October 17, 1997, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do